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REMARKS

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected subject matter in a divisional application, if necessary.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement at least to the extent that Groups I and II should be combined and examined together. First, claims 22-27 (Group II) are dependent upon claim 12 (Group I), and, therefore, are drawn to the same process, and not an independent and distinct process as the Examiner alleges. Second, claims 12-27 correspond to the previous claims 1-11, which the Examiner has already searched, and, therefore, the consideration of claims 12-27 will not occasion a serious search burden on the Examiner. Consequently, the Examiner should combine Groups I and II, and consider claims 12-27 together.

With respect to Groups III-V, the Examiner has not shown these groups to be distinct from Group I, and, therefore, the Examiner should examine these groups as well. Group III relates to the product produced by Group I, and Groups IV and V require the product of Group III. Accordingly, there is sufficient interrelatedness that Groups I and III-V should be examined

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together.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement altogether, or at least examine Groups I and II together since these two groups have already been searched.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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